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WAXHAW/WEDDINGTON SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB FOURTH ANNUAL WAXHAW TOWN AND COUNTRY RUN A SUCCESS!

From the I Can't Believe It files:

NEW YORK May 1, 2009 by: Rich Thomaselli

Disgraced one-time NFL superstar Michael Vick, who is serving prison time for funding an illegal dog-fighting ring, is primed to do public-service ads for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals upon his release later this month. According to three people with knowledge of the matter, the proposed endorsement is part of a comprehensive PR scheme aimed at rehabilitating the quarterback's image and gaining him re-admission to the league that banned him from playing.

[Read the full story here>](#)



by: Arthur Lightbody, President-Elect, Waxhaw/WeddingtonSunrise Rotary Club

Waxhaw- April 24, 2009:

The Waxhaw-Weddington Sunrise Rotary hosted the biggest ever Waxhaw Town and Country Run Friday evening in downtown Waxhaw. A \$4,000 check was presented to Gloria Barrino, the executive director of Union County Crisis Assistance Ministries, and Crisis Assistance Ministry Board members at the race's close. Over 300 racers participated in the 5k run and the 1/2 mile fun and fitness walk while 600 fans cheered them on. The 5K over-all race winner was Jayce Watson of Wingate University for the fourth start year, winning in 16:13.7. Awards announcer, Rotarian Jack Lindberg, announced that Watson would be going to Boston University and Watson replied, "I already have my ticket to return next year to compete!"

The first place women's 5K runner was Maureen Campbell of Charlotte. The first place master's womens racer was Cindy Young of Waxhaw, and the first place master's mens racer was Bobby Aswell, Jr. of Cornelius. Gloria Barrino, second woman on right, receives \$4,000 check on behalf of Union County Crisis Ministries from Larry Hook, Waxhaw-Weddington Sunrise Rotary Club President.



CONTROL PANEL This years' slide show.



Through the cooperation of the "Habitat Road Trip Craziest" as well as over 200 volunteers, the Union County Habitat for Humanity will soon be changing the world for three local families. Watch for details over the next few weeks on how you can help in this upcoming event.



Ken Lewis, ousted as Chairman, now just a CEO?

Why Ken Lewis is still holding any kind of job at Bank of America is beyond me, but that is just my opinion. The shareholders, however, did him a huge injustice Wednesday by "Half Firing" him. Effectively they have stripped him of a major portion of his power, and in the process undermined any faith potential business partners might have in him not to mention the validity of any "deals" he might concoct? He is now, a loser! And nobody is going to want to do business with him because they know the bank isn't behind his decisions any more. Certainly it is clear that his past is catching up with him....

As published in the January 23rd Edition of the Waxhaw Gazette;

"Lewis, who is struggling to maintain his own job amid stock holder outrage over his manipulations with the purchase of first Countrywide and now this latest debacle, or as he might term it, the bank's

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"daring gamble" on Merrill Lynch. Either way Mr. Lewis has some very fast stepping to do if he is to weather the storm at BofA."

And in the February 13th Edition;

Like most of us, I watched closely when those "Financial Titans" went to Washington and got grilled. And what really sticks in my mind was our own Titan, B of A Ken Lewis.... Admitting that things went wrong then answering question after question with "I don't know..."

This man earns over \$30 Million a year, has an "Uber Education" and was hand picked to be the CEO running one of the largest banks in the country and "I don't know " is the best he can come up with? Priceless!

It strikes me that at least for now, old Ken will do a fine job absorbing at least most of the blood being let by those tens of thousands of employees, or should I say former employees... canned to help us taxpayers cover the costs of those Daring Gambles! It is nice to know that even Ken is considered disposable once he has reached the end of his corporate usefulness.

Now that is Priceless!

Too bad he took so much of our money with him on the way down...

planned or know of someone new coming in, send me a press release and I will be happy to include it. Contact me directly with comments or suggestions at:

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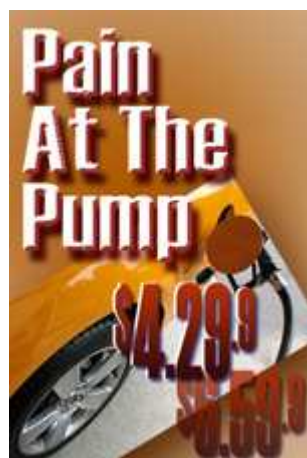
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Town of Waxhaw Plans Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony

Waxhaw, N.C. Plans are under way for the 2009 Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony in historic downtown Waxhaw. The program is slated for Saturday, May 23rd beginning with breakfast and registration for veterans at 9am. The official public program will begin at 10am in front of the Waxhaw Military Wall of Honor. The Wall of Honor is located in the East North Main Street block in historic downtown. The program will be emceed by Ken Conrad and will include: the changing of flags by American Legion Post 208, The National Anthem by Laura Pettler, Laying of the wreath, guest speaker John W. Falkenbury Lieutenant colonel, U.S. Army, retired and President of the N.C. USO., a three round volley from the overhead bridge, taps, Ken O'Neil on bag pipes and a symbolic releasing of doves. The public is urged to attend this event to commemorate all war veterans. Far too often, the nation as a whole takes for granted the freedoms all Americans enjoy. By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice in the memories of future generations This event is free to the public. For more information on the Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony please go to www.waxhaw.com or call 704-843-2195 ext 26.

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Prices for gas in the Waxhaw area... Where are they headed this week?

	3/20/08	4/24/09
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$ 1.97.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$ 1.97.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$ 1.97.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$ 1.97.9
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$ 1.96.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$ 1.97.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$ 1.97.9

Editors Note: Usually I personally check the prices posted for the above companies. However, occasionally when time is short I call the stations on the phone to check for current prices. If no pricing is offered the above reflects the last visually confirmed pricing.

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Solidarity Sleep Out

(Charlotte, NC) – US Representative Sue Myrick (NC-09) will be speaking at the Solidarity Sleep Out in Marshall Park this evening, May 1, 2009.

Sponsored by Homeless Helping Homeless, the event will bring attention to the need for more year-round emergency shelter for the homeless. The group is also asking for the **additional 250 year-round shelter beds called for in the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.**

DATE: May 1, 2009

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: Marshall Park
 Charlotte, NC
 (Corner of 2nd & McDowell Streets)

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Laura Petler Music Performance Schedule 2009

May 16, 2009,
 5pm-6pm, Spring Fest, Waxhaw Bandstand, Waxhaw, NC

May 23, 2009,
time TBA,
Memorial Day
National Anthem,
Waxhaw, NC

***We are grateful
for every
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extended to us to
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"Always do right -
This will gratify
some people and
astonish the rest."
--Mark Twain

And now, Our Weekly Dose of Humor directly from the Internet.....

bits and pieces that your Editor will not testify to for correctness, accuracy nor even believability but they are certainly humorous? So Enjoy!

"How Would You Fix the Economy?"

This is from an article in the St. Petersburg Times Newspaper on Sunday. The Business Section asked readers for ideas on fixing America 's economy.

I think this guy nailed it!

Dear Mr. President:

Please find below my suggestion for fixing America 's economy.

Instead of giving billions of dollars to companies that will squander the money on lavish parties and unearned bonuses, use the following plan.

You can call it the Patriotic Retirement Plan:

There are about 40 million people over 50 in the work force.

Pay them \$1 million apiece severance for early retirement with the following stipulations:

1) They MUST retire. Forty million job openings - Uemployment fixed.

2) They MUST buy a new American CAR. Forty million cars ordered - Auto Industry fixed.

3) They MUST either buy a house or pay off their mortgage - Housing Crisis fixed.

It can't get any easier than that!

If more money is needed, have all members of Congress and their constituents pay their taxes.

Read this slowly.

Absolutely the funniest "joke" ever....."ON US !!!"

Let it sink in.

Quietly we go like Sheep to slaughter.

Does anybody out there have any memory of the reason given for the establishment of the DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY during the Carter Administration?

Anybody?

Anything?

No?

Did ' t think so !

Bottom line . . we ' ve spent several hundred billion dollars in support of an agency ... the reason for which not one person who reads this can remember.

Ready???????

It was very simple

... and at the time everybody

thought it very appropriate...

The Department of Energy was instituted on 8-04-1977 TO LESSEN OUR DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL.

Hey, pretty efficient, huh?????

AND NOW IT ' S 2009, 32 YEARS LATER ... AND THE BUDGET FOR THIS NECESSARY DEPARTMENT IS AT \$24.2 BILLION A YEAR

THEY HAVE 16,000 FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND APPROXIMATELY 100,000 CONTRACT EMPLOYEES AND LOOK AT THE JOB THEY HAVE DONE!

THIS IS WHERE YOU SLAP YOUR FOREHEAD AND SAY ' WHAT WAS I THINKING? '

Ah yes, good ole bureaucracy.

And NOW we are going to turn the Banking System & the Auto Industry over to them?

God Help Us !!!





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